

city of Baltimore, and in such case, the vessel shall be retained by the constable, or may be delivered over to the owner upon his entering into bond to the State, in a penalty twice the value of said vessel, with security approved by the justice.

#### LICENSE TO KEEP DOG OR GUN.

72. No free negro shall keep any dog without a license from a justice of the peace, and but one with such license; and any person may kill any dog kept contrary to this section. The license aforesaid to be in force for one year only, but may be renewed.

73. No free negro shall be suffered to keep or carry a firelock of any kind, any military weapon, or any powder or lead, without first obtaining a license from the court of the county or corporation in which he resides—which license shall be annually renewed, and be at any time withdrawn by order of said court, or any judge thereof; and any free negro who shall disregard this provision shall, on conviction thereof before a justice of the peace, for the first offence pay the cost of prosecution, and forfeit all such arms to the use of the informer; and for the second, or any subsequent offence, shall, in addition to such cost and forfeiture, be punished with stripes, at the discretion of the justice, not exceeding thirty-nine, or be subject to the penalties of felony.

#### DEALINGS WITH FREE NEGROES.

74. No person shall purchase of any free negro, any bacon, pork, beef, mutton, corn, wheat, tobacco, rye or oats, unless such free negro shall, at the time of such sale, produce a certificate from a justice of the peace, or three respectable persons residing in the neighborhood of said negro, of the county in which such negro resides, that he or they have reason to believe, and do believe, that such free negro came honestly and bona fide into possession of any such article so offered for sale: and any persons thus offending against the provisions of this section, shall be subject to a penalty of five dollars for every such offence, or a penalty equal in amount to the value of the article purchased, should the value thereof exceed the sum of five dollars—the said penalty to be recovered before a single justice of the peace, one-half to the use of the informer, and the other for the use of the county or city; and it shall be the duty of the person charged to retain and produce the certifi-